Daparizo, Ziro, Kamalpur, Kailashahar and Tura. Feasibility study is being conducted for two new Greenfield airports at Kokrajhar and Tawang.

Modernisation of Kolkata airport

300. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work on modernisation of Kolkata airport is moving at a snail's pace;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to speed up the tempo of work on this airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Training of pilots

†301. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scaling down of pilot training;

(b) whether private companies train their pilots through their own system, or through any Centrally provided Government system;

(c) whether the system is standardized by Government if training is provided by themselves; and

(d) the details of pilots training system in view of increasing number of flight services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PI'AFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir. Flying training in the country is imparted as per the syllab is prescribed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation. Flying Training Institutes which imparts this training, operate under regulations prescribed by the DGCA.

(b) and (c) After obtaining a licence on completion of the the prescribed training, pilots are further trained for aircraft type endorsement by private companies through their own system. Training is conducted by approved examiners as per the training manual.

(d) Scheduled and non-scheduled operators carry out conversion training of their pilots at their own training establishments or manufacturer's training facilities. Indian Airlines have their own ground simulator training facilities at CTE, Hyderabad. Air India and Jetlite have got similar facilities at Mumbai.

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